



GENESIS

Chapters 42–45: Joseph Revealed To His Brothers

Chapter 42– Famine in Canaan

- 1-2 **Go down there** - Joseph is now 37-39 years old.
- 6 **they bowed down to him** – The fulfillment of Joseph's dreams. See Gen. 37:5-11
- 13 **one is no more** – Joseph
- 17 **And he put them all in custody for three days** – Why 3 days? Possibly the amount of time Joseph was in the “cistern”. See Gen. 37:23-24
- 18 **I fear God** - “I am a worshipper of the true God, and you have nothing to fear.”
- 24 **He had Simeon taken from them and bound** – Why Simeon? He was possibly the ring-leader when they threw Joseph in the cistern.
- 36 **Everything is against me** – Not so! See Romans 8:28
- 38 **he is the only one left** – In Jacob's eyes Benjamin was the only one left from his beloved Rachel.

Chapter 43 – Brothers Go To Egypt With Benjamin

- 1-10 **As it is, if we had not delayed, we could have gone and returned twice** – Some time has passed.
- 23 **“I received your silver** - In other words, “I received it and then put it back in your sacks.”

- 30 **Deeply moved** – Benjamin was only about 4 years old last time Joseph saw him.
- 33 **in the order of their ages** – Only their brother could have know this.

Chapter 44 – Joseph Sets Them Up

- 5 **divination** – He leads them to believe that he uses divination
- 13 **they tore their clothes** – a sign of grief and mourning
- 16 **God has uncovered your servants' guilt** – The guilt of selling Joseph
- 33 **let your servant remain here** – Judah offers himself as a substitute for Benjamin

Chapter 45 – Joseph Reveals Himself

- 3 **I am Joseph!** – First time he speaks in their language
- 5 **it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you** – Joseph saw the “Big Picture.” See Psalm 105:16-25
- 10 **Goshen** – In the Nile Delta
- 28 **I'm convinced** – Literally “much”